

**Senior Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, September 16, 2014  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
9:30 a.m.**

Present: Co-Chair Sandra Kelly, Members - Deborah Martin, Linda Spak, Ann Henault, Susie Wright, Dorothy Graham and Sandra Hopf. Also present for the recording of minutes was Millie McGinnes. Co-Chair Gail Pierce, committee member Betsey DeMaggio and Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sandra Kelly at 9:31 a.m.

**1. Approve Minutes of Meeting, August 19, 2014**

Ms. Spak moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Martin and carried.

Ayes 7 (Spak, Graham, Henault, Kelly, Wright, Hopf, Martin)

Nays 0

Absent 2 (Pierce, DeMaggio)

**2. Receive Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Roger's Report**

No report was given.

**3. Update on Senior Survey**

The results of the senior survey returns were collated by Intern Mary Ann Seebeck (attached).

The results were reviewed. The members decided to particularly follow up on the items below:

- #3 – Assist those that could benefit from assistance with appointments, meds or activities
- #6 – Assist with home repair, etc.
- #7 & #8 – Offer a caregiver course
- #13 – Organize those interested in volunteering in and around the community
- # 14 – Organize computer training, etc.
- # 16 – Talk person to person with those that requested such

It was decided to have Senior Coordinator Rogers contact South County Community Action to assist with Seniors in need of heating assistance.

Ms. Henault volunteered to reach out to the water aerobic enthusiasts to see if they have interest in chair aerobics.

Implementing an activity of boxing using a boxing bag was suggested.

**4. Status of "Notify Now"**

It was noted that the Notify Now signup sheet went out with the power bills in early September. 48 signups have been received so far. A thank you to Block Island Power Company and their clerk Abra Savoie will be sent.

**5. Discuss and act on Ms. Seebeck's workshop for caregivers**

This item was not discussed.

**6. Organize possible “Fall Outings”**

- a. **South County Commons** – Ms. Graham will begin to organize a trip for October.
- b. **Wrentham Mall** – This trip is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **Theater trip** – St. Ann’s by the Sea Church is planning a theater trip; the committee will try to combine efforts.
- d. **Bowling** – A regular bowling trip was discussed, but not planned.
- e. **Pequot Museum** – This item was not discussed

**7. Discuss and act on Time Banking proposal**

Ms. Kelly noted that Lisa Conlon Lewis will be speaking about time banking at the library on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**8. Discuss Better Business Bureau information – Ann Henault**

Ms. Henault reported that she had received information noting that the New England Better Business Bureau is willing to do presentations regarding identity theft, scams, standards of trust and giving wisely. Ms. Henault will contact the Bureau regarding scheduling a presentation on scams.

**Next meeting – October 21, 2014**

At 10:42 a.m. a motion was made by Ms. Graham and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved:    October 21, 2014